

Method
A Certain and Necessary

M E T H O D

Of Regulating the

P R E S S,

Which will hinder and deter the Daily Insolence of False, Malitious, and Seditious Libels, by an Easy Discovery of their Authors, Printers, and Publisbers. Design'd for the Service of Her Majesty's late Gracious Message to the Honorable House of Commons, and their Resolutions in their Address, and Votes concerning the Same.

It is humbly Propos'd,

METHOD
THAT a REGISTER be forthwith Nam'd and Appointed by Act of Parliament; who at his Office, being not Oblig'd to Read the Paper, Pamphlet, or Book, whereby he may hinder the Liberty of the Press, shall only Enter the Title of the said Paper, Pamphlet, or Book, and the Date of its Entry, with the Names and Dwellings of the Author or Authors, also of the Printers and Booksellers; one of which shall be Oblig'd, under a Severe Penalty, to bring the Same to the Office to be Enter'd before it is Printed, and always to Publish the Authors, Printers, and Booksellers Names and Dwellings in the Title-Page, with the *Imprimatur* of the Register, or his Lawful Deputy, upon Oath first Made, that the Names given in to the Register, are the True Names of the Persons concern'd therein: Which Oath the Register is to be Impower'd to Administer; Paying for the same, more, or less, according to the Proportion of the Papers, Pamphlets, or Books, as it shall be Directed by Authority.

And for greater Security, it is Propos'd, That no Book, Pamphlet, or Paper be Printed, but at a Licens'd Printing-House: Which License the Register is to give, to any Person or Persons Bred to the Printing-Trade, paying for such License

From such a Regulation of the Press, these Two Public Advantages will be Continu'd and Secur'd,

1. *The Quiet and Honor of Her Majesty and Her Subjects, by Deterring and Suppressing False, Malitious, and Seditious Libels.*
2. *A Considerable Revenue will arise from the Profits of Entering so many Papers, Pamphlets, and Books, in Manner aforesaid.*

